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In re Patent Application of:
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ACTIVITY AND METHODS OF USE
THEREOF

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RCE RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the final Office Action dated April 17, 2007 ("the OA"), Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. A response was initially due July 17, 2007. Applicants herein submit a petition for a one month extension of time to August 17, 2007, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, with the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

This response is accompanied by a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Thus, the finality of the outstanding final office action will be withdrawn and Applicants are entitled to have this first submission for this RCE entered and considered on the merits.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 26 of this paper.